

Appl. No. 09/921,008
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: TC3700, Commissioner for Patents,
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By: Nancy J. Parsons**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 17, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 18, 19 and 28-66, drawn to an instrument guide, its use and a kit. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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